

II. Remarks

A. Introduction

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Upon entry of this paper, Claims 16-46 will be pending in the application. Of the examined claims, Claims 16, 25 and 34 are independent. Claims 44-46 have been added. Claims 1-15 have been canceled via previous amendment. No new matter has been added.

B. Claims 16-46 Are Listed as “Rejected,” but Should Be Listed as “Subject to Restriction and/or Election Requirement”

The Office Action classifies Claims 16-43 as “Rejected.” (*See* Office Action Summary Page). However, the present Office Action has made no rejections of Claims 16-43. The Office Action makes only a species election requirement. (*See* Office Action, pages 2-4). Applicants assert that current Claims 16-43 have not been rejected in the Office Action.

C. Applicants Elect the Urea Species

The Office Action found that the application allegedly contains claims directed to patentably distinct species. The Office Action requires election of claimed compound (b). (*See* Office Action, page 2). The Office Action also indicated that Claims 16-43 are generic. In response, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the species comprising urea and more particularly, the subspecies N,N'-diphenylthiourea. Claims 25-33 and 45 correspond to the urea species and Claim 45 corresponds to the subspecies N,N'-diphenylthiourea.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications to the non-elected species and/or subspecies and/or to rejoin the non-elected species and/or subspecies should a generic claim be deemed allowable.

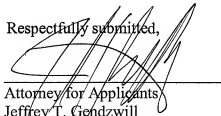
D. The Species Election Requirement Is Traversed Because the Species Contain Corresponding Technical Features

The Office Action alleges that the species lack the same or corresponding technical features for the following reasons: the diverse chemical nature and different classification and fields of search. (*See* Office Action, pages 2-4). Applicants traverse the species election requirement on the grounds that a search of the art for one “(b) compound” will include a search of the art for the other “(b) compounds.” It is submitted that the burden on the Examiner to examine all claims in a single application is less than the burden on the Applicants/public to prosecute/search more than one application/patent.

E. Conclusion

Action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested. Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3620. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the address identified below.

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